

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 461st Meeting of the Council, Los Angeles, Ambassador Hotel, July 9, 1960.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherman in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on Saturday, July 9, 1960, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Foster, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Heron, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Gifford, Davis, Miller, Sherman, Campbell, Morrison, Anderson and Teall.

Absent for cause were: President-Elect Bostick, Councilors MacLaggan, Rogers and Murray.

Present by invitation were: Doctors Batchelder and Miller and Messrs. Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Marvin, Whelan and Tobitt; Mr. Hassard of legal counsel; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Geisert of Kern, Field of Los Angeles, Grove of Monterey, Bannister of Orange, Brayer of Riverside, Dochterman of Sacramento, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson of Stockton, Wood of San Mateo, Donovan of Santa Clara, Dermott of Sonoma and Bailey of Tulare; Messrs. Paolini and Lyon of California Physicians' Service; Dr. Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health; Dr. Daniel Blain, State Director, Mental Hygiene; Mrs. Eunice Evans of the State Department of Social Welfare; Mr. Cecil Dickson, Legislative Representative of the A.M.A., Washington, D. C.; Doctors T. Eric Reynolds, Stuart Knox, Donald Harrington, Robert Gentry, Werner Hoyt, Donald Abbott, John Schapp and others.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the 460th meeting of the council, held June 4, 1960, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of July 7, 1960, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 556 delinquent members whose dues have been received, were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, one applicant was voted Retired Membership. This was Royal Scudder, Mendocino-Lake County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 11 applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: John W. Brown, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Oscar J. Balchum, Lemuel J. Haywood, Earl William Kendrick, Robert L. Peters, Los Angeles County; William H. Lyon, Jr., Marin County; George William Stevenson, Orange County; Clyde Carroll Jones, San Diego County; Erwin C. Sage, Louise van der Reis, San Francisco County; and Clarice H. Haylett, San Mateo County.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, reductions of dues were voted for four members for reasons of prolonged illness or post-graduate study.

3. Report of Officers:

President Foster discussed the recent meeting of the A.M.A. House of Delegates and presented the

PAUL D. FOSTER, M.D.	President
WARREN L. BOSTICK, M.D.	President-Elect
JAMES C. DOYLE, M.D.	Speaker
IVAN C. HERON, M.D.	Vice-Speaker
SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D.	Chairman of the Council
RALPH C. TEALL, M.D.	Vice-Chairman of the Council
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POLIOMYELITIS

*A Resolution Adopted by the Council of the California Medical Association**

WHEREAS, in the five years that the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine has been used, at least 500 persons in California have been saved from death and another 7,500 have been spared the crippling after-effects of paralytic poliomyelitis, and

WHEREAS, the record would be even better if more people would obtain the immunizations, and

WHEREAS, the Salk vaccine has proved to be extraordinarily effective, four inoculations reducing by more than 90 per cent a person's risk of being paralyzed or killed by poliomyelitis, and

WHEREAS, 40 per cent of the population now has maximum protection against poliomyelitis, 11 per cent have been partially vaccinated with one or two injections, but 49 per cent, or 4,400,000 persons in California, under age 40, have had no vaccine at all, and

WHEREAS, poliomyelitis strikes at all age groups and more than 400 paralytic cases were reported in California in 1959, a 76 per cent increase over 1958, and

WHEREAS, if the pattern of recent years is repeated poliomyelitis will aim its most vicious blows at the 741,700 California children under the age of five years who have had fewer than four immunizations, and

WHEREAS, the Salk vaccine will for some time be the only widely available immunizing agent against poliomyelitis, and

WHEREAS, many county medical societies in California have sponsored excellent poliomyelitis immunization programs in their communities in the past few years, and

WHEREAS, strong medical leadership is needed to inspire confidence and encourage family participation in the vaccination program, and

WHEREAS, such programs can constitute one of the profession's finest public service opportunities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Council of the California Medical Association strongly urges that every California physician assume responsibility for making certain, whenever possible, that all members of families he serves receive protection against poliomyelitis by having the full course of Salk vaccine; and be it further

Resolved: That the Council of California Medical Association highly commends county medical societies for the exercise of community leadership in the poliomyelitis vaccination program and urges that all county societies meet with county and local health department representatives to create study committees to survey the problem of immunization as it may exist in the local areas, and to develop and implement a satisfactory program, using all reasonable measures, to afford the widest possible protection from utilization of Salk vaccine in the community and to assure that no Californian need be subject to needless risk of paralytic poliomyelitis.

*Initially approved by the C.M.A. Committee on State Medical Services

program of the Michigan Association of Professions for consideration. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this item to the Commission on Public Policy for study and report back to the Council with recommendations.

A letter from Dr. Askey thanking the officers and members of the Council for the reception given in his honor was read. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reply to Dr. Askey's letter on behalf of the Council, all members of the Council to sign the letter.

4. Financial:

Chairman Heron presented a report on the current cash balances of the Association, which was ordered filed. Dr. Heron reported on the request of the Committee on Postgraduate Activities for an addition of \$800 to its budget to reinstitute a circuit course in the Redding area. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this request.

5. Committee on Committees:

Council Chairman Sherman reported on the recommendations of the Committee on Committees that

Francis J. Cox, M.D., of San Francisco be appointed to the Bureau of Research and Planning to replace John M. Rumsey, M.D., of San Diego, resigned. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

6. Bureau of Research and Planning:

Chairman Hoyt presented a progress report outlining the areas of study to be undertaken by the bureau. The bureau is continuing with its study of the role of government in the purchase of medical services.

7. Commission on Medical Services:

Chairman Harrington reported that House of Delegates resolutions referred to the Commission and its committees are under study. He suggested the need for a progressive and continuous study of hospital relations, which was referred to the staff for study.

(a) *Liaison Committee to State Department of Social Welfare:* Chairman Quinn informed the Council of the consideration being given by the Department of Social Welfare to the pilot program on

health evaluation examinations of Welfare recipients. Dr. Quinn reported that the public assistance medical care program is operating in the black. Discussion was held on the desire to experiment on a broader basis than the Glenn County study, in an effort to provide prepaid medical care to OAS recipients. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to direct the Liaison Committee to pursue this with the State Department of Social Welfare, working in cooperation with the California Physicians' Service and the Commission on Medical Services. Any county to be selected for such an experimental program would be determined in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare, C.P.S. and the county societies.

(b) *Committee on Aging*: Walter Batchelder, M.D., reported that the first meeting of the 100-man Steering Committee to develop a format for the Governor's Conference on Aging had been held. Ten divisions have been established, one on health problems of the aged. Dr. Batchelder, Mr. Sloate of the State Department of Social Welfare, Dr. Breslow and Mr. Murphy of the Public Health Department will act as staff for the health division and serve as liaison between the State Department, C.M.A. and the Steering Committee. The Committee on Aging will meet with the physicians on the Steering Committee at an early date.

(c) *Liaison Committee to California Physicians' Service*: The Interim report of the C.M.S.-C.P.S. Liaison Committee was presented by Dr. Donald Harrington. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this report to an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Doctors Quinn, chairman, O'Neill, Wilbur, Miller and Gifford to review the recommendations and report back in the afternoon session. Following the report of the Ad Hoc Committee, on motion duly made and seconded in each instance, the Council took the following action:

1. That C.P.S. should be prepared to advance and grow in the field of prepaid medical care and to continue to cooperate with federal and state agencies;

2. That C.P.S. continue the service concept adjusted to varying incomes and fee schedules and continue to offer programs of other types;

3. That C.P.S. in its attempts to meet consumer demands not be limited in its marketing approach by regional or county programs but be able to make available all contracts on a statewide basis: Doctors O'Connor, Teal, Wheeler, Kirchner and Gifford voted in the negative and were so recorded.

4. Reaffirmed the 1954 policy of the Council outlining the method by which changes in C.P.S. fee schedules should be made (the Committee on Fees

to the Commission on Medical Services to the Council to the Board of Trustees);

5. That the Liaison Committee to C.P.S. be granted the authority to poll the members of the C.M.A. or the participating physicians of C.P.S. at the request of the Board of Trustees and the C.M.A. Council or to poll the members of a county medical society at the society's request.

On motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Liaison Committee was approved as amended and modified.

8. *Commission on Public Agencies*:

(a) *Committee on State Medical Services*: Chairman Omer Wheeler presented a resolution concerning poliomyelitis, which on motion duly made and seconded, was approved. (See text on page 169.)

Dr. Wheeler also reported on the discussions by the committee on the 1956 House of Delegates resolution dealing with narcotic addiction. The committee is in agreement that addiction has medical implications, that the profession should assume leadership, in part, in the control of the spread of addiction. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve establishment of a committee on dangerous drugs under the Commission on Public Agencies to pursue this matter and act in a liaison capacity to any state agency interested in this problem. On motion duly made and seconded, the matter of appointments to this subcommittee was referred to the Committee on Committees.

(b) *Committee on Mental Health*: Chairman Knox reported on the growing use of hypnosis. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that for the purpose of Medicare and other prepaid state or federal programs, hypnosis be considered a component of therapy, not a separate procedure, and that no charge should be made for hypnotic treatment per se, only for the general therapy.

9. *Commission on Public Policy*:

Committee on Public Relations: Dr. John Schaupp, chairman of the subcommittee on Radio, Television and Motion Pictures, reviewed the approach being taken by the subcommittee in presenting a true image of the profession to the public with the interwoven messages of medicine to be presented in good taste and in a delicate fashion. On motion duly made and seconded, the approach being taken by this subcommittee was approved.

Dr. Schaupp recommended that each county medical society form its own committee or designate an existing committee to work on a local level in cooperation with the C.M.A. committee, if a county society desires to do so. On motion duly made and

seconded, it was voted to approve this recommendation and to send a letter to each society requesting implementation of the recommendation and that the societies discuss this with their councilor and assigned C.M.A. staff member.

Mr. Clancy discussed the concept of establishing a medical student scholarship fund. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this matter to the Commission on Medical Education for study and report back to the Council, if possible a preliminary report to be presented at the next meeting.

10. *Commission on Cancer:*

Chairman Davis reported that the committees of the Commission on Cancer had delineated their areas of responsibility and activity. He also reported that the Committee on Cancer Education is investigating the cost of revising the C.M.A. Cancer Studies and that the Committee on Tumor Tissue Registry is reviewing the administrative procedures of the registry. The Committee on Consultative Tumor Boards has recommended that an annual roster of approved tumor boards within the state be prepared and given to each county medical society. On motion duly made and seconded, the committee was authorized to proceed in this regard.

11. *Staff Report:*

Mr. Hassard introduced Mr. William Tobitt, a new addition to the staff. Mr. Tobitt will be working primarily in the field of radio, television and motion pictures and will also assist the staff in preparing written materials.

12. *Report of Affiliated Organizations and Invited Guests:*

(a) *Department of Public Health:* Dr. Malcolm Merrill reported on the polio incidence in California, stating that it was higher this summer than last summer. He also reported that the live virus had not been licensed for use in this country at this time, and there was no information on when it might be available. He also reported on the formation of an Interagency Council on Tuberculosis Control, to urge all interested agencies and organizations to do more in the field of tuberculosis.

Dr. Merrill reported on the court action of the Humane Society of the United States vs. the State Department of Public Health, wherein the court dismissed the case against the department for its handling of the College of Medical Evangelists' use of animals for research purposes. He advised that this matter would probably be taken to the higher courts. He further reported to the Council on the

formation of a technical and policy advisory committee to assist the department in its study of chemical residue on food products. Dr. Ralph Teall has been appointed to serve on this committee.

(b) *State Department of Social Welfare:* Mrs. Eunice Evans, deputy director of the State Department of Social Welfare, reported that the staff work and coordination for the Governor's Conference on Aging has been assigned to the department. She further reported that a new approach is being taken by the department, wherein more emphasis will be placed on service; this will involve close cooperation with the medical profession.

(c) *State Department of Mental Hygiene:* Dr. Daniel Blain was invited to present a detailed report on the program of his Department at the next meeting of the Council.

(d) *California Physicians' Service:* Dr. Ivan Heron reported that C.P.S. was experimenting with a program of unit deductibles for out-patient services and that the board has authorized the sale of 5,000 contracts to test the market acceptance and experience of this new concept. He also reported that the board and its committees are formulating plans to promote concepts imposed in House of Delegates resolutions, and that the board has approved the recommendation that relative value procedure 029 or its A and B Schedule equivalent be paid without calling for a medical report from the attending physician.

The total membership of C.P.S. as of June 30, 1960, was 788,194, representing a net increase of 5,000 during the past two months. For the 12-month period ending May 31, 1960, C.P.S. had an operating income in its commercial program of slightly over forty million dollars and in addition had an investment income of close to \$600,000. During that fiscal year two and one-half million dollars were placed in the stabilization reserve as compared to one million nine hundred thousand dollars during the preceding 12-month period. Net administrative expenses are continuing to decline.

13. *Annual Conference of County Society Officers:*

Chairman Sherman appointed an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Doctors Todd, Murray, Gifford, Miller, Anderson and Morrison to develop recommendations for the format for the conference and the time when it will be held, to report at the next meeting of the Council.

14. *C.M.A. Mailing List:*

A request from the Presbyterian Medical Center of San Francisco regarding use of the mailing list

to announce the operation of the center was presented. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to grant approval to the Presbyterian Medical Center to use the mailing list for this purpose, all costs to be paid by the center.

15. *New Business:*

(It was announced that Dr. John Murray had recently undergone surgery and that Mrs. Arthur Kirchner was currently in the hospital. On motion

duly made and seconded, it was voted to send the regards of the Council to each.)

Executive Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D., *Chairman*

MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

In Memoriam

BOWER, ALBERT GORDON. Died in Pasadena, August 2, 1960, aged 70. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1916. Licensed in California in 1920. Doctor Bower was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, a life member of the California Medical Association, and a member of the American Medical Association.

COLLINS, CLINTON DARWIN. Died in Carmel, July 24, 1960, aged 75. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1911. Licensed in California in 1911. Doctor Collins was a member of the Fresno County Medical Society.

DE LORIMER, ALFRED A. Died in San Francisco, July 19, 1960, aged 58. Graduate of the University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1927. Licensed in California in 1927. Doctor De Lorimer was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.

FRIEDBERG, IRWIN W. Died July 2, 1960, aged 59. Graduate of New York University College of Medicine, New York, 1924. Licensed in California in 1928. Doctor Friedberg was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

GRAUN, RICHARD E. Died July 22, 1960, aged 66. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford-San Francisco, 1930. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor Graun was a member of the Siskiyou County Medical Society.

HUSTON, JAMES MALLERNEE. Died July 15, 1960, aged 66. Graduate of University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Ohio, 1921. Licensed in California in 1922. Doctor Huston was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

IRIKI, WALTER KELSUKU. Died in Berkeley, July 25, 1960, aged 57. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medi-

cine, Stanford-San Francisco, 1932. Licensed in California in 1932. Doctor Iriki was a member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association.

LOWE, EUGENE L. Died June 22, 1960, aged 57. Graduate of Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universitat Medizinische Fakultat, Berlin, Prussia, Germany, 1928. Licensed in California in 1942. Doctor Lowe was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

LUNDEGAARD, ELLERT EMANUEL. Died in Santa Barbara, July 14, 1960, aged 65. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, 1930. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor Lundegaard was an associate member of the Ventura County Medical Society.

PAFF, EARL K. Died in Loma Linda, June 27, 1960, aged 80. Graduate of Indiana Medical College, School of Medicine of Purdue University, Indianapolis, 1906. Licensed in California in 1923. Doctor Pfaff was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

SIMMONS, EDWARD LINCOLN. Died May 27, 1960, aged 45, of cardiac failure. Graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1949. Licensed in California in 1949. Doctor Simmons was a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society.

TOURTILOTT, WALTER W. Died in Yountville, July 5, 1960, aged 88. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1904. Licensed in California in 1905. Doctor Tourtillott was a retired member of the Tulare County Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.